Road Projects on BOT Basis in Rajasthan

758. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects on BOT basis which are being planned in the State of Rajasthan for the construction of roads;

(b) the details of such projects; and

(c) in how many years the proposed roads will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India is primarily responsible for maintenance and development of National Highways only. At present one work for widening the rehabilitation of Jaipur-Kishangarh section of N.H. No. 8 is planned for taking up on B.O.T. (Build-Operate-Transfer) basis in Rajasthan State. Commercial bids for it have been invited by the National Highways Authority of India. It is too early to indicate the completion time.

Agreement on Jaipur-Kishangarh Highway Project

759. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised an agreement for building Jaipur-Kishangarh Highway Project on NH-8 in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of two Lane National Highway in Kerala

760. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the two lane National Highway standards out of the total length of National Highways in States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the backwardness of Kerala with regard to the two lane National Highway expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) State-wise details are:—

States	% of Two lane National High-ways
Kerala	29
Andhra Pradesh	85
Karnataka	63
Tamil Nadu	89

(b) Widening of National Highway is proposed for improving the National Highway conditions in Kerala.

Vacancies and Promotion of Employees in IRCC

761. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the post-wise sanctioned strength as on 1.1.1991 against which total employees promoted without/on vacancies during 1991—93 in IRCC;

(b) the post-wise general employees promoted after completion of minimum eligibility period on/without vacancies;

(c) the post-wise eligible officers not promoted against vacancies and the reasons for not holding DPCs; and

(d) what are the rules under which these promotions were done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Post-wise sanctioned strength as on 1.1.1991 duly approved by the Board, against which 112 promotions in various categories were made in IRCC between 1991—93 is given in the Statement-I *(See* below)